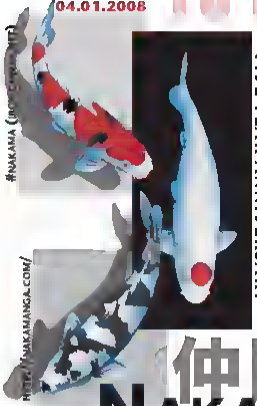
TO BE CONCLUDED...?

HAPPY FIFTH!



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Thank you for your love and, in some cases, your hate.

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IF I THINK ABOUT IT THIS WAS MY FIRST LOVE
WHEN I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL A CUTE KID MOVED INTO MY NEIGHBORHOOD
A CONTEST IN WHICH THE LOSER HAS TO ADMIT TO PAST MISTAKES
SO WHAT WAS YOUR MISTAKE?
First love! So cute
...
Open
SORRY FOR BARGING IN LIKE THIS
Me
past mistake
INITIALLY I THOUGHT HE WAS A GIRL...
OH...

Hello! It's Yukimura
Thank you for reading this far.
There's been trouble with this and
that, but I'm pleased with how it came out
By the way, when I was drawing
the first story, I didn't plan it out →
I did it without really thinking

Actually, this guy was
the easiest to draw

→

It was actually a story that first started during my teenage years. What's more, for me it was a treasured story. Please enjoy its sentiments.

Thank you for your kindness. I would be happy if we could meet again one day.

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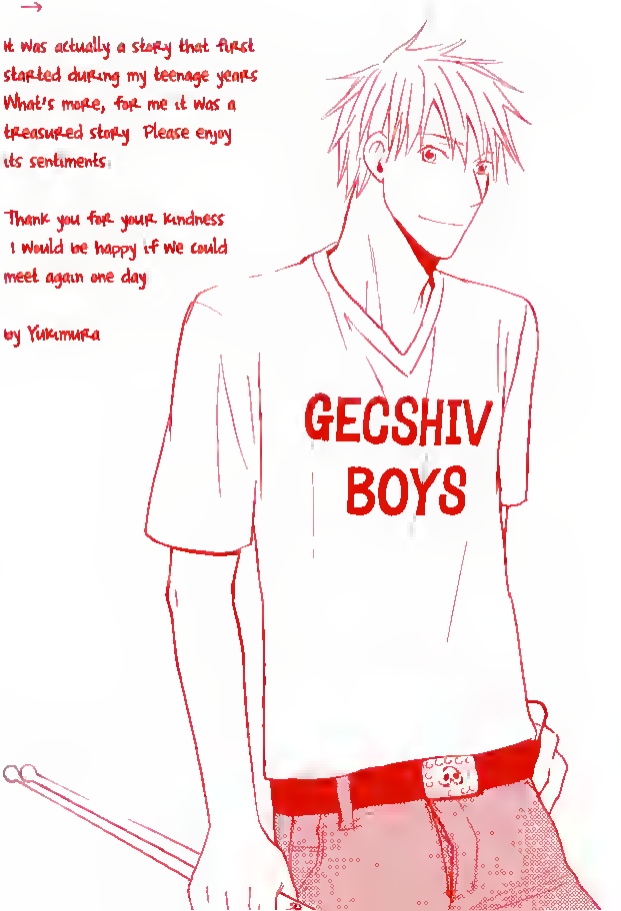

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The start of love.

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BAM
Get out!
RECENTLY, I'VE BEEN RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME A LOT
You... IDIOT!!
bang
kyaa!
Yeah, why don't you?
OW!
SNARL
So why don't I just leave? Idiot.
I have no use for an asshole that gets such pathetic scores!
KEI-CHAN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
stomp
I'M RUNNING AWAY!!
stomp

WHY DON'T YOU TRY CALLING HISASHI OKAY?
It's a pain.
MINA-CHAN ARE YOU TWO HAVING ANOTHER FIGHT?
HE SAID HE WAS RUNNING AWAY
SLAM
I'M HOME
ding dong
WHO IS IT?
IT'S ME KEISUKE
HEY

DID YOU HAVE ANOTHER FIGHT WITH MINAMOTO?
HE CALLED A LITTLE WHILE AGO.
haha
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU THIS LATE... I BROUGHT DONUTS
hehehe
AND... UM..
Grrrrr
YOUR FACE IS GETTING RED
You should put some ice on that.
MINAMOTO DOESN'T GIT YOU A LOT OF SLACK
WHAT DO YOU DO TO RECEIVE SUCH LOW SCORES?
I'M SORRY BUT CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
Here Have an ice puck.
Three points!?

OH, REALLY?
THERE ARE THREE TESTS.
THIS IS ONLY ONE OF THEM
HE IS THE PERSON I RESPECT THE MOST
Really!? You'll teach me!?
WELL, IF IT'S MATH OR ENGLISH YOU NEED HELP WITH I COULD PROBABLY HELP YOU OUT
EVEN THOUGH HISASHI KUN IS THE CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF MY IDIOT BROTHER...
RECENTLY, HE HAS STARTED LIVING ON HIS OWN I END UP COMING HERE WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS TO ME
I can't really explain where I'm going from here...
What are you going to do now?
FROM THE BEGINNING, HE OFTEN HANG OUT WITH ME I WAS JUST A SMALL CHILD LIVING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AT THAT TIME

IT'S REALLY COMFORTABLE BEING NEAR HISASHI.
DID YOU FORGET ANYTHING?
NOPE
COME AGAIN, OKAY?
brought his uniform
WELL, THANKS!
Heh*

TSK...
I'll be back!
grab
slide
HE ALWAYS FOLDS THIS NEATLY
MAYBE MINAMOTO'S DISCIPLINE IS A GOOD THING
pat

inhale
KEIGUKE

THIS CAN'T GO ON.
AH...
AH...
HAA.
AH...
hu

KEISUKE.
RECENTLY YOU'VE GONE AS FAR AS ENTRUSTING YOUR STUDIES TO HISASHI.
YEP
SURPRISE
BUT AREN'T YOU PLACING TOO MUCH OF A BURDEN ON THAT GUY?
IN THE PAST YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A BIT OF A NUISANCE TO HIM.
WELL DO YOUR BEST
I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO HIT ME.
A NUISANCE!?
ME? WHEN!?
sit up

He doesn't think that!
I'M NOT KIDDING MAYBE HE STILL THINKS THE SAME THING?
Ah!
...
ANYWAY, DIDN'T YOU JUST GO STILL YOUR GLITS AT HISASHI'S AGAIN?
WHEN YOU GO TO HANG OUT, YOU BECOME LIKE HISASHI-KUN'S KID.
AH ONLY ONCE?
AND CRY.
Absolutely
Who said that?
Aaaa... Waaaa!
EVEN THOUGH I'VE ALWAYS FELT THIS WAY SINCE WE WERE SMALL
I'M THIRSTY
ha
Stupid brother!
Shit!
Shit!
He doesn't have to treat me like a kid!
I won't forget this!
BOOM

BUT THAT WAS IN ANOTHER WORLD
THERE WAS EVEN A KIND-HEARTED SON
THERE WERE AFTERNOON SNACKS AND A MOTHER AND A FATHER
IN THE PRETTY HOUSE,
IN ADDITION HE'S GOT A HANDSOME FACE
HISASHI-KUN OFTEN DID THINGS FOR ME. IS IT BECAUSE HE GREW UP IN A HOUSE LIKE THAT THAT HE HAD SPACE IN HIS HEART FOR ME?
clatter
Change
Empty cans
BUT WAIT RECENTLY HAVE I BEEN OVERLY DEPENDENT?
maybe?
HE'S SO COOL!
Hehe

HUH?
BUT IF HE DIDN'T LIKE IT, WOULDN'T HE SAY SO?
Should I go back?
IT'S MOM...
WITH SOMEONE?
SHOCK
.....
Today I really
Hmm...
No.

What!?
Be quiet!
SLAM
WA-
Aah!?
I saw something gross
WHAT SHE'S NOT COMING HOME SOON?
huff
huff
BRO... MOM SAID SHE WAS WORKING OVERTIME TONIGHT RIGHT?
BRUSH YOUR TEETH!
WHAT'S WITH THE STRANGE GREETING?
GOODNIGHT! I'M GOING TO BED NOW
DASH
EEK!
I'M HOME!
Open

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT WAS THAT?
What is it this time?
Hey, by the way, listen to this, Mitsuchan!
I THINK SO...
SHE WAS ACTING ALL GIRLY.
OH... YOUR MOM HAS A LOVER?

KEISUKE, DON'T YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE?
click
AND YOU WON'T GIVE HER YOUR BLESSING...
...IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING.
IT'S NOT THAT I WON'T GIVE IT. SHE'S BEEN SINGLE SINCE DAD DIED.
IT'S JUST THAT THE SITUATION MAKES ME FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE.
JOI+
I DON'T BUT...
I SEE
DO I ALSO.
...MAKE YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE?

NO, FORGET IT.
IT'S NOTHING.
HUH?
THUMP

HISASHI-KUN'S...
OKAY...

SAYING THAT THERE'S SOMEONE HE LIKES
...
...RIGHT?

UM... HEY
CAN I STAY OVER TONIGHT?
Please?
IT'S ALREADY LATE SHALL WE CALL IT A NIGHT?
EXPLAINING HOW I FELT WAS DIFFICULT
I HADN'T EVEN NOTICED
MOREOVER, IF THAT IS THE CASE...
IF IT IS LOOK...
AN IMPOSITION?
IT'S GOING TO BE HARD TO FACE MOM AGAIN.
Ah, but if it's an imposition, don't worry about it
...I CAN'T DEPEND ON HIM SO MUCH.
EVEN BROTHER TOLD ME ABOUT THIS
Um...
WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
...ARE THINGS NOT GOING WELL...

THAT ISN'T LIKE YOU, KEISUKE...
THE THINGS YOU'RE SAYING
LIKE BEING AN IMPOSITION OR ABOUT MY GIRLFRIEND
DON'T THINK ABOUT THAT SORT OF STUFF IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO DEPEND ON
HIGASHI-KUN, YOU STILL TREAT ME LIKE A KID
YOU ARE A KID
annoyed
I'M GOING HOME!

WHY?
YOU SHOULDN'T COME BACK FOR A WHILE.
BECAUSE IT'S DANGEROUS
I'M SORRY, HISASHI-KUN!
Um
!?
slam
But why? Why are you so angry with me?
GRAB
I'M NOT ANGRY

BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE LIKE THIS...
...YOU BECOME SO ADORABLE...

Gah!
!?
BANG
RATTLE
How many times have I told you to be quiet?
Keisuke!
Hey!
DON'T LOOK AT ME!
YANK
Okay.
NOT GOOD

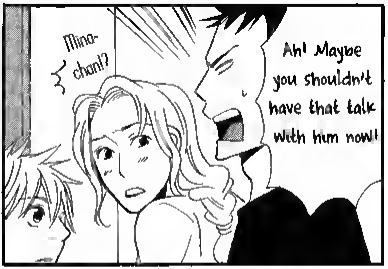
....
Hmmmh. What did you do?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HIS REASONING...
WHAT SHOULD I HAVE DONE?
DID I SELFISHLY EXPLODE AT HIM?
I WANTED TO BE NEAR YOU ALL THE TIME.
BUT IT'S ABOUT TIME TO PART
I'M SORRY I'VE ALWAYS LIKED YOU KEISUKE

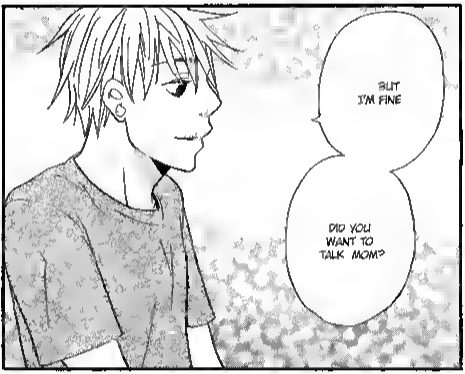
IF YOU STAYED A CHILD JUST LIKE THIS IT COULD REMAIN AN INNOCENT ATTACHMENT
BUT I CAN'T CONTAIN THIS FILTHY PART OF ME SO IT'S FINISHED
WHEN YOU BECOME AN ADULT YOU WILL REALIZE THAT
I'M FAR FROM YOUR IDEAL
AH-
push
GOOD-BYE

HE SAID HE LIKED ME...
I'M SHOCKED
WAS THAT THE FILTHY PART THAT HISASHI-KUN WAS TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT'S THIS?
ISN'T IT COMPLETELY ONE-SIDED?
SNIFFLE
MORE THAN THAT
...I HATE BEING TOLD GOOD-BYE IN THAT WAY

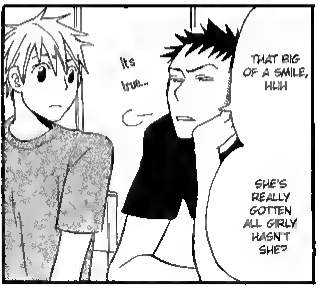
KEISUKE
GET UP SOON I'VE MADE BREAKFAST
Huh? I want to sleep wearing my clothes... Idiot!?
FLUSTERED
Good morning Kei-chan!
I'M FINALLY ABLE TO MEET WITH YOU ♡
WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER PROPERLY IN TWO DAYS!
OH... YOU'RE RIGHT SORRY
BECAUSE I HAD SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WANTING TO TELL YOU...
Don't look at it, just eat
WHAT'S THE SPECIAL OCCASION?
OCTOPUS SAUSAGE?

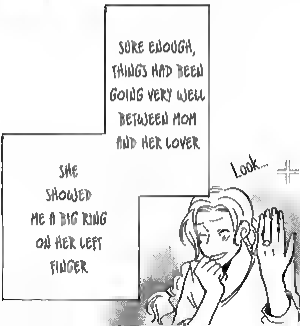
What is it?
It's nothing. Do it later. Later


Mina-chan!?
Ah! Maybe you shouldn't have that talk with him now!


BUT I'M FINE
DID YOU WANT TO TALK MOM?

turn
Eh?
THANKS BRO


It's true...
THAT BIG OF A SMILE, HUH
SHE'S REALLY GOTTEN ALL GIRLY HASN'T SHE?


SURE ENOUGH, THINGS HAD BEEN GOING VERY WELL BETWEEN MOM AND HER LOVER
SHE SHOWED ME A BIG RING ON HER LEFT FINGER
Look...

gasp
I'm going to Hisashi-kun's house!
WEREN'T YOU JUST THERE?
What's up?
Yeah!
IT IS, ISN'T IT?
IT'S ENDEARING

Hi-
Hisashi-kun?
SCRUFFY
Ke-Keisuke!?
WHY?
HEHE
DID YOU DRINK TOO MUCH?
Wow-was YOU'RE REALLY DISHEVELED AND YOUR VOICE IS SHAKING.

WHEN YOU THOUGHT THAT YOU COULDN'T SEE ME ANYMORE DID YOU CRY?
BECAUSE I CRIED...
A LOT
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
blush
CUTE!
I came to be the kid of Hisashi-kun's house

collapse
AH!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IS IT ODD TO SAY "KID"?
IS IT OKAY?
BECAUSE, BEING NEAR HISAHI-KUN IS MY FAVORITE PLACE TO BE.
WHICHEVER HISAHI-KUN IT'S OKAY

PLEASE STAY BY MY SIDE.

OF COURSE.

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drinking!
flogging!
bishie hunting!

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secrets within #nstaff

<kikiireru>lets whore it out, with a request message.
<kikiireru> @_@
<kikiireru>haka i need your witty humor, something to get translators to join us
<kikiireru> >.<
<hakanai-[work]> oooh. *ponders*
<hakanai-[work]> a haiku: a stable of bisb / for those Japanese fluent / nakama owns all okay kidding...
<hakanai-[work]> errr... the wit fails me today. o.o
* kikiireru kicks
<kikiireru>: for some reason ppl are scared of nakama
<hakanai-[work]> hehe. i suppose it's because you've been around forever. and take no shit.
<hakanai-[work]> but who wants shit anyway.
<hakanai-[work]> wanted: japanese translators who take no shit.
<hakanai-[work]> i wonder if that can be written in strange kanji that can have a totally different meaning.
<Artemis> hmmm... no shit? *thinks*

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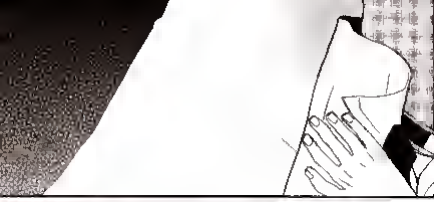

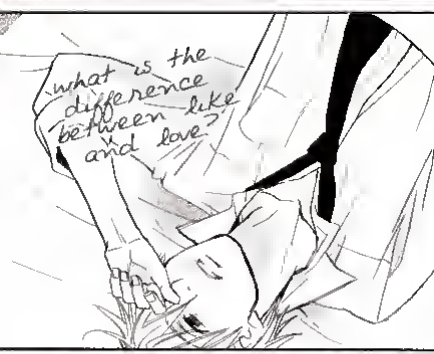

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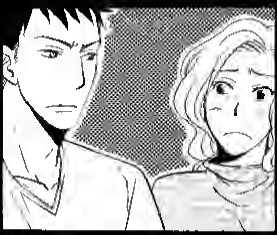

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KEISUKE OFTEN GETS STUCK ON THESE TYPES OF PROBLEMS
I FEEL COMFORTABLE WHEN I'M AROUND HISASHI-KUN
SHALL WE TRY PROBLEMS ONE AND FOUR?

KEISUKE?
HE IS SWEET AND KIND-HEARTED

BUT RECENTLY, HE'S BEEN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN WORDS CAN EXPRESS
Blush
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

HISASHI-KUN LIKES ME
AND I LIKE HISASHI-KUN
ARE YOU TIRED?
A LITTLE
ALTHOUGH OUR FEELINGS ARE MUTUAL, LATELY IT'S BEEN DIFFERENT...
HIS BODY LANGUAGE SEEMS DIFFERENT SOMEHOW
Well... Do you want some tea?
Sure!
WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE I HAD A PART-TIME JOB AS A HOME TUTOR.
Scribble
Scribble
HISASHI-KUN IS VERY ADEPT AT TEACHING. YOU SHOULD BECOME A TEACHER.
steam
steam
Hmm. NOT TOO BAD IF YOU PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER. I THINK YOUR NEXT TEST SHOULD GO FAIRLY WELL
AH THAT EXPLAINS IT

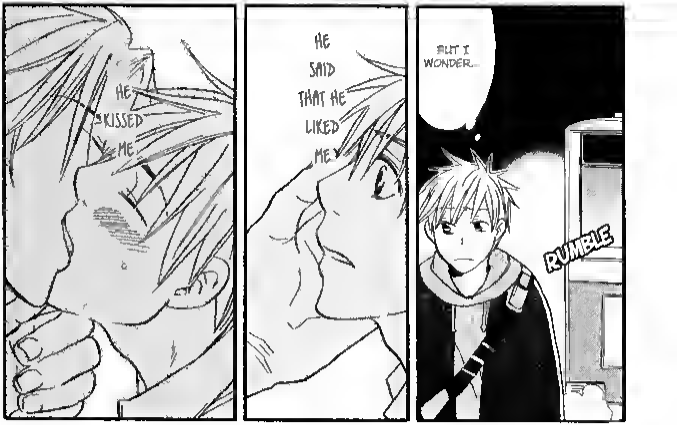
You're right! My score did go up!
Woah!
collapse
KEISUKE
NO MORE. I'M TOO TIRED
exhausted
JO!!

SINCE
THAT TIME,

THERE'S BEEN
SOMETHING ODD

BETWEEN
HISASHI KOU
AND ME

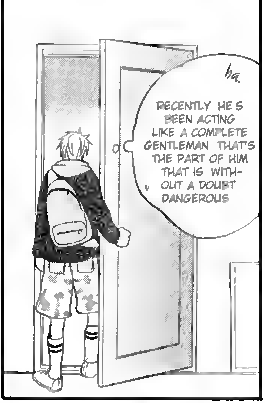
EVEN THOUGH I SAID THAT I WOULD WAIT—
...IT'S HARD TO SEE THAT HE'S SCARED OF ME.
BECAUSE I SAID, "NOT YET."
HISASHI-KUN SAID, "I'LL WAIT."


HE KISSED ME
HE SAID THAT HE LIKED ME
BUT I WONDER...
RUMBLE

AND
AFTER
THAT...
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
KEISUKE

Stop thinking about this! I should want to refuse him, Right!?
I should be scared! It's normal to be scared!!
Grr!

I WONDER IF IT WOULD BE BETTER IF HE WERE GENTLE


Ha.
RECENTLY HE'S BEEN ACTING LIKE A COMPLETE GENTLEMAN. THAT'S THE PART OF HIM THAT IS WITHOUT A DOUBT DANGEROUS

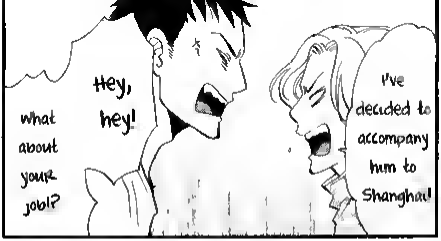
What am I thinking!?

SHOCK
WHOOSH
What are you thinking!?

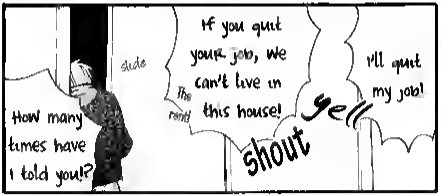
Keisuke!!
turn
knock
MOM, BRO WHAT'S GOING ON?

Exactly what I just said!
HUH?
You should think it over more!

COME HERE
WE'RE HAVING AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION
HUH
A SC-SCARY DISCUSSION?
No! I want to stay in Japan.
Shanghai!?
SHAKE SHAKE
NOTHING'S BEEN SAID ABOUT THAT YET
AS YOU KNOW MOM IS GETTING REMARRIED SOON. BUT UNFORTUNATELY IT'S BEEN DECIDED THAT HER FIANCE WILL BE RELOCATING TO A BRANCH OFFICE IN SHANGHAI.


Hey, hey!
What about your job!?
I've decided to accompany him to Shanghai!

SO WHAT'S GOING TO CHANGE?


slide
How many times have I told you!?
If you quit your job, we can't live in this house!
The rent!
shout
I'll quit my job!
yell

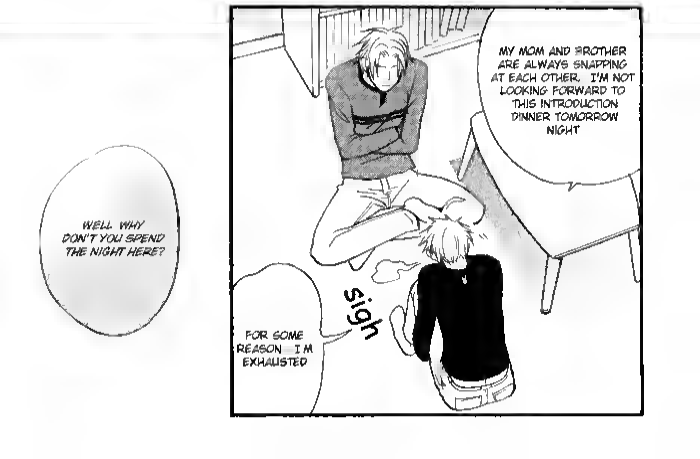
AT TIMES LIKE THESE, THE FIRST THING YOU DO IS TRY TO ESCAPE
B-BUT...
drag

THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT. YOU GUYS ARE THE ONES MAKING THE DECISION

Don't escape!

MY FIANCE'S SON
Huh!?
WHO?
TH-THREE?
MOM JUST TOLD ME THAT THERE WILL BE THREE OF HIS LIVING TOGETHER
YOU ARE MOST CERTAINLY INVOLVED
HM...
HAS IT BEEN DECIDED HOW YOU WILL ALL BE LIVING TOGETHER?

IT WAS DECIDED THAT SOONER OR LATER WE WOULD ALL LIVE TOGETHER IN THE SAME HOUSE. BUT IT'S JUST MOVING SO QUICKLY.
BUT, YOU KNOW, WE HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN INTRODUCED TO HIS FAMILY UNTIL NOW.
WHAT'S MORE, WHAT IF THINGS DON'T WORK OUT BETWEEN MOM AND HER BOYFRIEND?
YEAH, MOSTLY.


MY MOM AND BROTHER ARE ALWAYS SNAPPING AT EACH OTHER. I'M NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS INTRODUCTION DINNER TOMORROW NIGHT
sigh
FOR SOME REASON I'M EXHAUSTED
WELL WHY DON'T YOU SPEND THE NIGHT HERE?

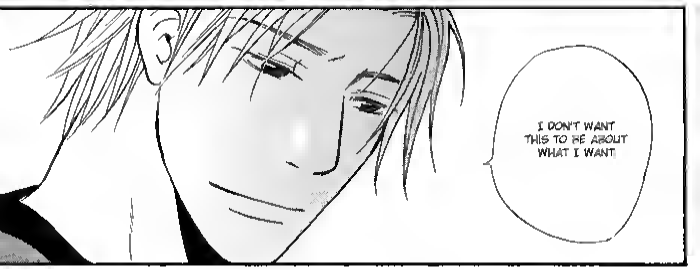
YOU LOOK PRETTY PALE. YOU HAVEN'T BEEN SLEEPING, HAVE YOU?
AT A TIME LIKE THIS IT MUST BE HARD NOT HAVING A PLACE OF REFUGE
IS THAT SO?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE ASKED ME TO SPEND THE NIGHT, HISAISHI-KUN
dazzle

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHY DO I ITCH ALL OVER?
thump
thump
thump
...MY HEART STARTED POUNDING
HISASHI-KUN, I
WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT STAYING THE NIGHT...
WAH...
ENDED UP REMEMBERING
I SHOULD BE HAPPY...
JUMP

I WAS HOPING YOU'D ALLOW ME TO APOLOGIZE
I'VE BEEN HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT CERTAIN THINGS

ARE YOU STILL SCARED TO STAY OVER?
WHA- NO, NOT AT ALL!
hurriedly
SO?

I WAS JUST THINKING ALOUD
WHEN I SAID I WANTED YOU TO STAY HERE...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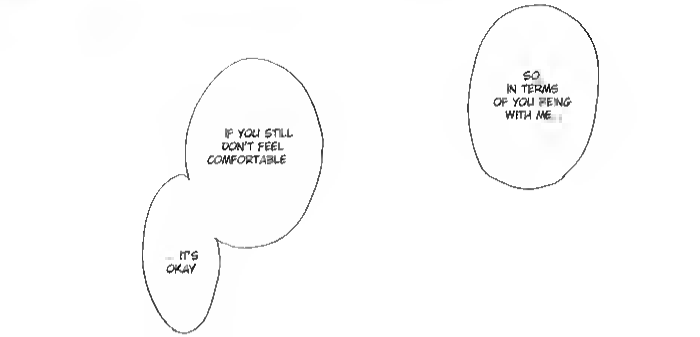
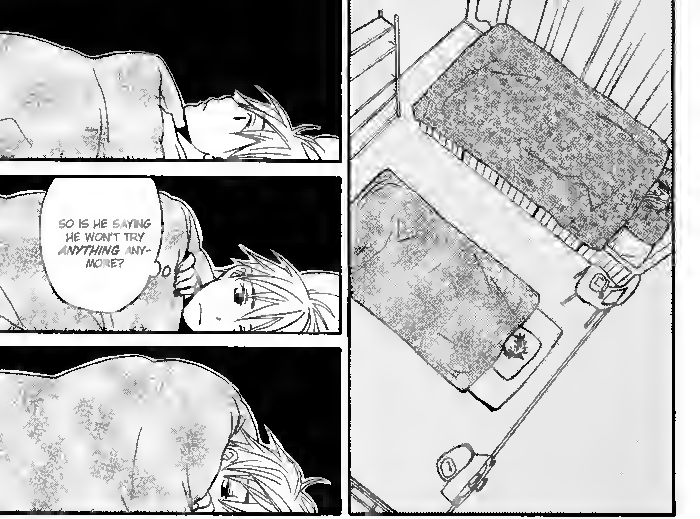
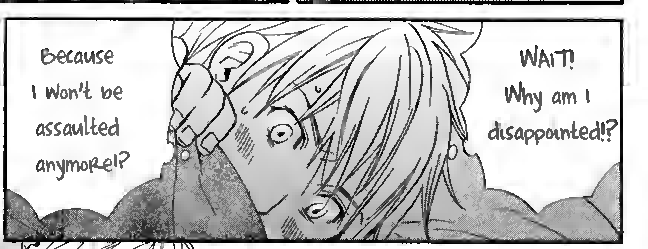
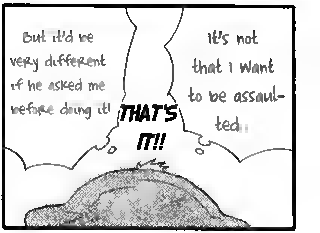

SO IN TERMS OF YOU BEING WITH ME...
IF YOU STILL DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE
... IT'S OKAY

IT'S OKAY?
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT
I'll
right?
I CAN'T FIND A BETTER WAY TO PUT IT, BUT
HIS VOICE CAUGHT A LITTLE AS HE TALKED
OKAY


SO IS HE SAYING HE WON'T TRY ANYTHING ANY-MORE?

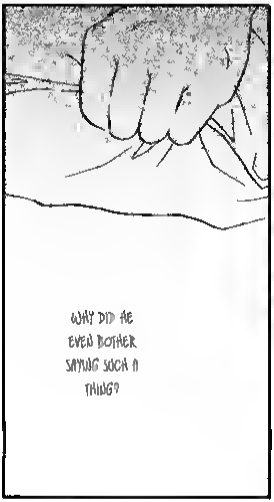

Because I won't be assaulted anymore!?
WAIT! Why am I disappointed!?

WHAT
NOW?


But it'd be very different if he asked me before doing it!
It's not that I want to be assaul-ted.
THAT'S IT!!

I DO
LIKE HIM
SO THAT
WAY...

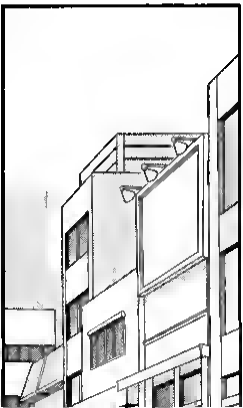
BUT


WHY DID HE EVEN BOTHER SAYING SUCH A THING?

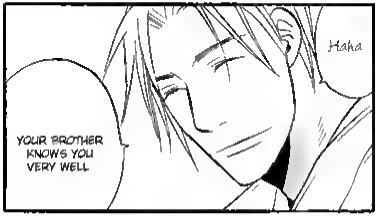
YOU SAID YOU WOULD WAIT...

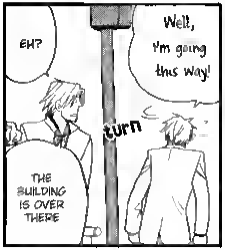
HISASHI-KUN STOPPED WAITING FOR ME

Uncomfortable
Brought a suit to wear to the dinner

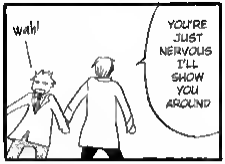


YESTERDAY, WHEN I WAS LEAVING THE HOUSE, MY BROTHER MADE ME TAKE IT
YOUR CLOTHES... YOU CAME WELL-PREPARED


Haha
YOUR BROTHER KNOWS YOU VERY WELL


EH?
Well, I'm going this way!
turn
THE BUILDING IS OVER THERE

Uh-oh!


wah!
YOU'RE JUST NERVOUS I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND

HISASHI-KUN DO YOU HAVE AN ERRAND IN THIS DIRECTION?
IT'S ON MY WAY. AND I'VE GOT A BIT OF TIME. IT'S STILL EARLY YET
IT'S SOMETHING FOR WORK

AH, THANK YOU.
IT'S HERE ON THE TOP-MOST FLOOR.
I HAVEN'T BEEN SLEEPING MUCH LATELY.
IS THERE A REASON YOU DON'T LOOK WELL TODAY?
See ya!
TURN
AH!
It's okay; I'm fine!
LAST NIGHT, TOO?

bump
OH CRAP!
Keisuke!
Wah!
Wah!
DIZZ
CATCH
STAGGER

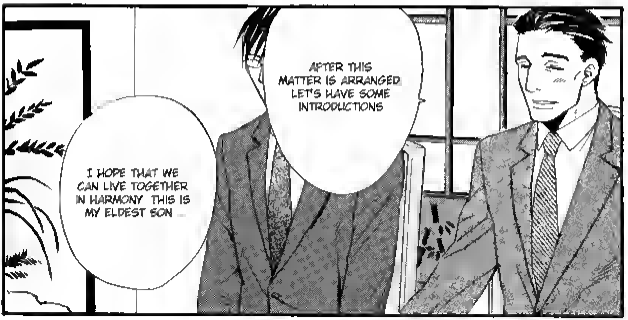
ER...
...YES.
ARE YOU OKAY?
Are you okay, Keisuke?
Thank you very much...
Be careful
SENSEI?
YOU WEREN'T LOOKING!
SORRY

KIDO... HISASHI-SENSEI, RIGHT?
HM?
SENSEI?
AH YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE ME?
I'M SHINOHARA KIICHI
!

HEY!
WELL, I'LL SEE YOU LATER.
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING? WHY DID YOU MAKE HISASHI COME THIS FAR?
BRO!
WHO?
AN ACQUAINTANCE?
WHAT?
...YOU!?
YES. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
HM
AH.
CAN I STILL COME OVER TO YOUR HOUSE OCCASIONALLY?
WELL, I'M OFF TO WORK.
THOUGH, AT THE MOMENT, THINGS ARE KIND OF COMPLICATED RIGHT NOW.
YEAH, SURE.
SO WHAT'RE YOU DOING EXACTLY?
childhood friends
UM...WELL I CAME TO SEE HIM OFF AS IT WAS ON MY WAY
OH... IS THAT SO?

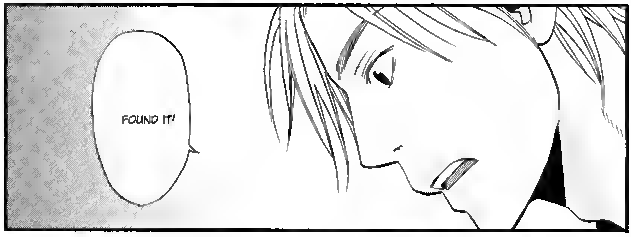
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN THEM?

HE SAID, 'LATER.'


AFTER THIS MATTER IS ARRANGED, LET'S HAVE SOME INTRODUCTIONS
I HOPE THAT WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER IN HARMONY. THIS IS MY ELDEST SON...

GRIN
I'M KICHI. NICE TO MEET YOU.
Huh!?
Ah. I'm Minamoto, the eldest.
NOD

I'M LOOKING FOR SOMETHING.
WHY DID YOU COME HOME ALL OF A SUDDEN?
KIDO


FOUND IT!

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<kikiireru>haka i need your witty humor, something to get translators to join us
<kikiireru> >.<
<hakanai-[work]> oooh. *ponders*
<hakanai-[work]> a haiku: a stable of bisb / for those Japanese fluent / nakama owns all okay kidding...
<hakanai-[work]> errr... the wit fails me today. o.o
* kikiireru kicks
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<hakanai-[work]> hehe. i suppose it's because you've been around forever. and take no shit.
<hakanai-[work]> but who wants shit anyway.
<hakanai-[work]> wanted: japanese translators who take no shit.
<hakanai-[work]> i wonder if that can be written in strange kanji that can have a totally different meaning.
<Artemis> hmmm... no shit? *thinks*

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WAS HE THAT KID?
I WONDER IF WE'LL MEET AGAIN...
NOTEBO
FLAP

TONIGHT'S YOUR LAST NIGHT COMING HERE RIGHT, SENSEI?

MAY I ASK YOU ONE LAST QUESTION?
HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT WE'VE BEEN STUDYING
CERTAINLY. IN WHICH SUBJECT?
IT'S ACTUALLY A PERSONAL QUESTION

I'VE GOT BAD TIMING...

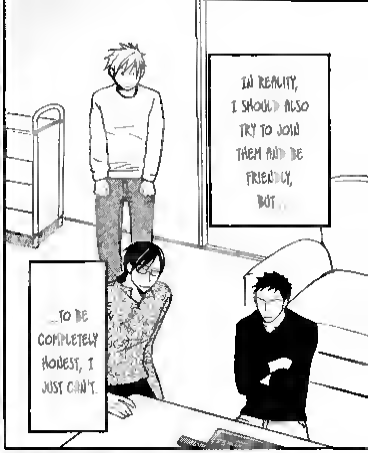
LIM

Kuchi-kun and I used to date a long time ago.
UGH.
WHAT A BAD DREAM.
thump
A... dream!
I haven't told Keisuke yet, but...

Since I've stopped liking Kousuke
I thought we'd start dating again
AIYA!
WHAM
That hurt!!
YOU'RE IRRITATING ME

Kiichi-san!?
BA-DUMP
SO THIS IS A TYPICAL SIBLING SQUABBLE, HUH?
THIS ISN'T SOME SORT OF SHOW!
GOOD EVENING, KEISUKE-KUN.
SMILE
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
YO!
OH, YEAH
GAH, IT'S REALLY HIM!
H-HEY
hehe
YOU'RE HERE TODAY?
MINAMOTO-SAN SAID THAT HIS COMPUTER WAS IN BAD SHAPE SO I CAME TO FIX IT
AFTER THE INTRODUCTORY MEETING THE OTHER DAY,
KIICHI-SAN AND AI-CHAN UNEXPECTEDLY HIT IT OFF
BY NOW, THEY'RE PERFECTLY FRIENDLY
THEY BOTH LIKE TO GO FISHING.
Oh, really?
I once caught one THIS big.
Show it to me sometime
I even took a picture of it!

WHEN I HAD THAT DREAM...
I FELT HEARTSICK AND ANGRY.

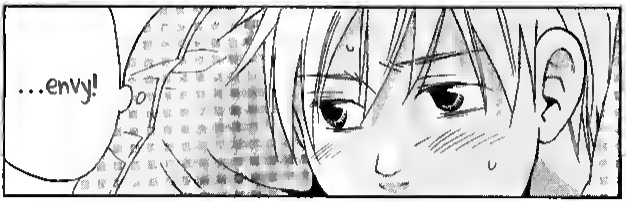

IN REALITY, I SHOULD ALSO TRY TO JOIN THEM AND BE FRIENDLY, BUT...
...TO BE COMPLETELY HONEST, I JUST CAN'T.

HE IS A PIT— IT'S KIND OF NICE THOUGH
FOR THE MOST PART HE DOES NOTHING BUT COMPLAIN. EVEN THOUGH HE'S BEHAVING BADLY AT LEAST THIS WAY HE WON'T BOTHER US. HE CAN BE A BIT TROUBLESOME.

rattle
I THINK I'M BEING SHUNNED

...SOMEHOW I UNDERSTAND HIS REASONING...
LIKE...
WHY DID I END UP BEING SO HATEFUL TO THAT GUY?
SIGH
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
Hmm.
WHEN I CONSIDER MY LIFESTYLE FROM NOW ON HOW SHOULD I ACT—
Spyware?
WHAT'S THAT?
LOOK HERE YOU'VE GOT LOADS OF SPYWARE
THAT WAS RATHER THOUGHT-LESS OF ME TO SAY

I SHOULDN'T BECAUSE HE'S GOING TO BECOME PART OF MY FAMILY BUT I CAN'T HELP
WHEN I'M BY MYSELF I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT AND SO I AVOID HIM
I WAS SCARED SO I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO ASK WHAT SORT OF RELATIONSHIP THEY ONCE HAD
THAT TIME, THOSE TWO HAD A VERY BRIEF CONVERSATION
THIS


...envy!

I WANT TO SEE HISASHI-KUN—
ROLL

Didn't I ~~rebuff~~ Hisashi-kun's advances twice!?
Stupid! Stupid! Stupid!
WAAAH
!!

HE TOUCHED ME
HE LIKES ME.
I FINALLY REALIZE I LIKE HIM TOO.
IT'S A LITTLE LATE
IT CAN'T POSSIBLY TURN OUT WELL.
DID HIGASHI-KUN ALSO FEEL THIS WAY?

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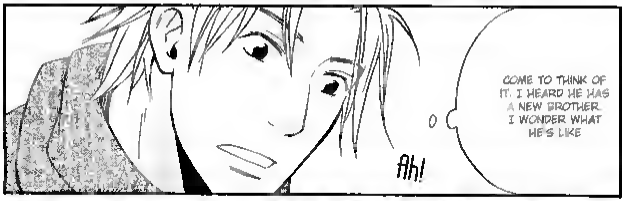
I'M GLAD
YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM ALL YOUR HARD WORK YOU MADE THE DEADLINE THOUGH
ONCE IN A WHILE I CATCH A BREAK
SO WHAT'S IT LIKE LIVING ON YOUR OWN?
ARE YOU GETTING BY OKAY?
WELL IT DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU MEAN BY "GETTING BY"?
DO YOU WANT SOME COFFEE?
THANKS

THEN I'LL GIVE YOU AN AUTOGRAPH I GOT FROM A SPORTS WRITER THE OTHER DAY YOU CAN GIVE IT TO HIM.
HE PROBABLY DOES
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
HMM... DOES THAT KID LIKE SOCCER?
IN MY FREE TIME I HELP A BOY I KNOW STUDY
Though I don't make any money from it.
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE THE LAST TIME HE STAYED THE NIGHT
SHOULD I USE THE AUTOGRAPH AS AN EXCUSE TO GO VISIT?
MINAMOTO ALSO TOLD ME I SHOULD COME OVER
WHAT'S MORE, I WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN.
sigh
I WANT TO VISIT HIM. I WANT HIM TO BE AFFECTIONATE TOWARDS ME.

I SAID THAT IT WOULD BE LIKE IT WAS BEFORE I WOULD BE AN AFFECTIONATE OLDER BROTHER FOR KEISUKE
BUT I DECIDED TO FORGET SUCH FOOLISHNESS!
WHACK!
SHOCK!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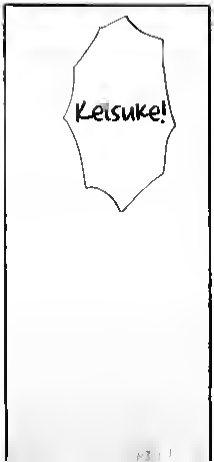
Ah!


Keisuke!

IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THIS NEW BROTHER WERE NICE SINCE MINAMOTO IS SO STRICT...
NO! IF THAT WERE THE CASE, KEISUKE WOULDN'T NEED ME ANYMORE!

yank
When were you planning on getting up?
AH!
I ended up falling asleep while I was brooding
Mom said that she'd be late today. Food is ready. So hurry up and eat
...he's always late!
Hm.
What about Kuchi-san?
He's still here but the least you could do is eat with us for once
What's more...
thump
Misashi came over.
Oh?

Was it a prophetic dream?
IT'S SURPRISING HOW HE AND KICHI ARE ACQUAINTED
Both of them are here together...
TURNS OUT HISASHI WAS A TUTOR AND KICHI WAS HIS PUPIL
yes!
...in this house while I was sleeping!!
IT SEEMS LIKE MY HEART HAS BECOME COMPLETELY SELFISH.
YEAH, IT IS
WHAT A SMALL WORLD WE LIVE IN.

YEAH!
bang
Hm?

YEAH
YOU'VE BEEN BUSY WITH WORK RIGHT? ARE YOU DONE NOW?
HISASHI-KUN, IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
What's with the atmosphere in here?
AH! KEISUKE
I GET IT NOW
IT'S JUST THAT I WASN'T CLEARLY TOLD SOME THINGS ABOUT HISASHI-KUN
WHAT IS IT?
I CAME BECAUSE I THOUGHT I COULD GIVE THIS TO YOU TODAY
IT'S A SOCCER PLAYER'S AUTO-GRAPH
Thank you!
I'M GLAD
I'm so happy!
Wow! Awe-some!
It's Satoda!

I CAN FINALLY BE ON FRIENDLY TERMS WITH KUCHI-SAN!
Ah, okay...
...Hmm. I really like this guy.
I really like women, so...
And so, this...
WHAT DID YOU GET?
I SEE NOW
OH...UM...
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?
UM.

I'M GOING OUT TO BUY SOME BEER I'LL BE BACK

HE'S THE SORT OF KID THAT SLEEPS A LOT, ISN'T HE, SENSEI?

slam

LOOK... HE FELL ASLEEP AGAIN.
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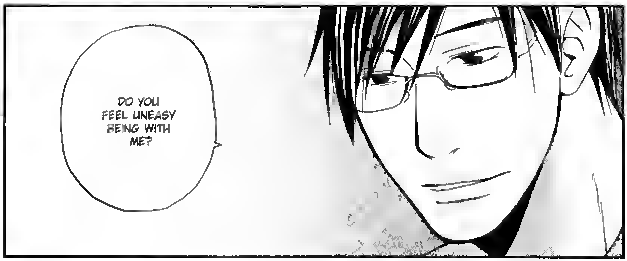
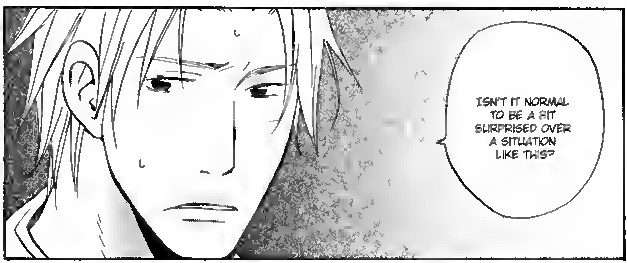
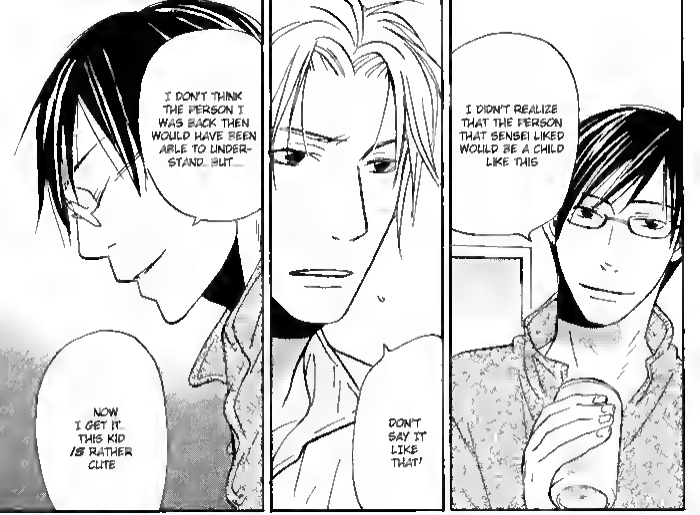

DO YOU FEEL UNEASY BEING WITH ME?


ISN'T IT NORMAL TO BE A BIT SURPRISED OVER A SITUATION LIKE THIS?


I DON'T THINK THE PERSON I WAS BACK THEN WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND... BUT.....
NOW I GET IT. THIS KID IS RATHER CUTE
DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT!
I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THE PERSON THAT SENSEI LIKED WOULD BE A CHILD LIKE THIS

IT'S ACTUALLY A PERSONAL QUESTION
IS THERE SOMEONE NAMED "KEISUKE-SAN" THAT SENSEI LIKES?

H-
Huh?
WHY DO YOU THINK KEISUKE IS THE ONE I
..like?
WERE YOU
... NOT AWARE OF THIS?
DOES THAT ALARM YOU?
Did you not know?
ARGH!!
shock!
I JUST WANTED SENSEI TO CONFIRM
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
I'M SO SORRY

THAT TIME...
...WHEN YOU AWOKE, YOU PULLED ME CLOSE AND HUGGED ME TIGHTLY...
THAT SUMMER YOU COLLAPSED... DON'T YOU REMEMBER?
THE SUN WAS EXTREMELY HOT THAT DAY, AND YOU FAINTED.
YOU CALLED ME KEISUKE

I TRIED TO CLARIFY YOUR FEELINGS BY ASKING YOU THAT QUESTION.
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE I ONLY ENDED UP CAUSING YOU CONFUSION.
SINCE THEN,

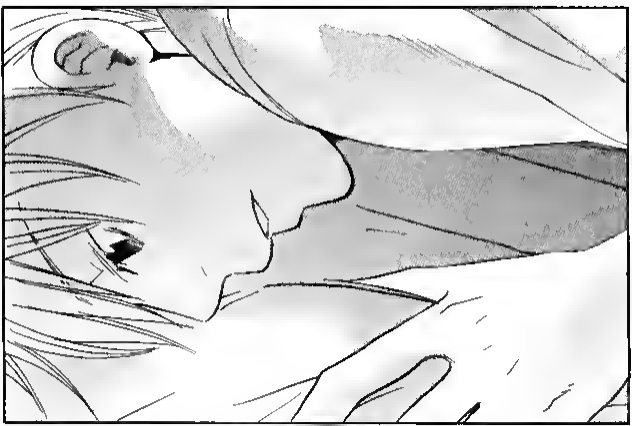
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED

shock
WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND "KEISUKE-SAN"

sigh
WHAT A RELIEF
Haha!
UM.
WHA-
Hey!
rub
rub
rub
WOW! It's so soft ♡
WELL IT'S GOOD THAT YOUR FEELINGS ARE AT LEAST MUTUAL
IS HE DRUNK?
Hahaha What a funny expression!

Meow
CRACK!
I'm sorry I've only got beer right now
WELL, NO
I HAVE FEELINGS FOR HIM BUT
SINCE THE BEGINNING HE HASN'T HAD THOSE KINDS OF FEELINGS FOR ME

OH...
?
I FINALLY REALIZED MY FEELINGS TOWARDS HIM WHEN YOU CONFRONTED ME.
BUT IT'S ONLY ENDED UP BEING A BURDEN TO BOTH OF US
...HISASHI-KUN'S VOICE.
IT'S KIND AND COMFORTING...
AND THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT FOR BOTH OF US...



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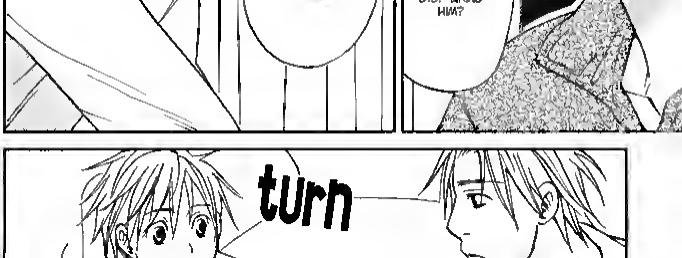
IT'S PROBABLY GOOD TO TALK ABOUT THIS. WELL...
WHY DO YOU WANT TO STOP LIKING HIM?


turn

JUST NOW...

WHAT YOU SAID JUST NOW... IS IT TRUE?
IT WAS ABOUT ME...
WERE YOU LISTENING?
AH...
HE DOESN'T WANT ME ANYMORE...
tears

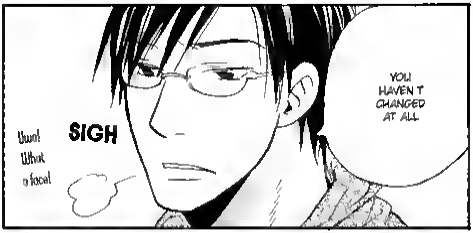
What're you talking about- Me hating you!?
I didn't say anything like that!
grab
LISTEN CLOSELY TO ME
I DIDN'T WANT TO IMPOSE MY FEELINGS ON YOU
I knew it!
YOU'VE STARTED TO HATE ME
KEI-

SLAP
Let go!
OW..
Keisuke!
BANG
AH
/tremble
I-I'M SORRY

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
slip
STEP
STEP
STEP
haa
haa
Ah!
CRASH

shake
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I HIT HISASHI-KUN!
shake
HE DOESN'T LIKE ME ANYMORE
I CAN'T DO THIS

DO YOU NEED SOMETHING TO WIPE THE BLOOD OFF?


YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED AT ALL.
SIGH
Hunt
What
a facial

THIS MESS OCCURRED BECAUSE YOU'RE TRYING TO DECEIVE YOURSELF. YOU'VE DONE THIS BEFORE.
AND YOU'RE DOING IT AGAIN NOW.
TWITCH
THIS TENDENCY OF YOURS IT'S IRRE-SPON-SIBLE.
IT ONLY CAUSES TROUBLE. DON'T YOU THINK?
I-

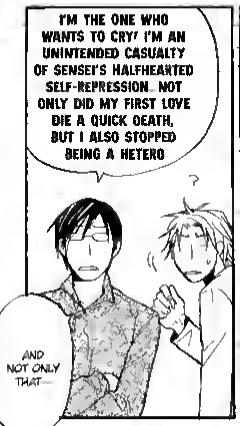
IT'S JUST THAT
I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT HIM

NO MATTER WHAT I WANT TO HEAR KEISUKE LAUGH
I WANT HIM TO BE NEAR ME

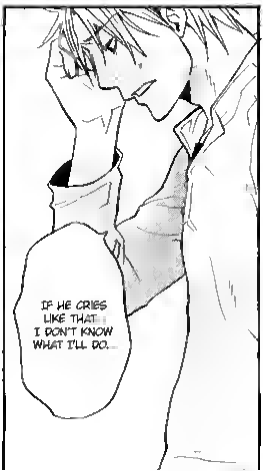
THOSE ARE THE ONLY THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO ME

SO... DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD TELL HIM?

I CAN'T HELP IT. I LOVE THAT KID.


I'M THE ONE WHO WANTS TO CRY! I'M AN UNINTENDED CASUALTY OF SENSEI'S HALFHEARTED SELF-REPRESSION... NOT ONLY DID MY FIRST LOVE DIE A QUICK DEATH, BUT I ALSO STOPPED BEING A HETERO
AND NOT ONLY THAT—

Then let me tell him!


IF HE CRIES LIKE THAT... I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'LL DO...

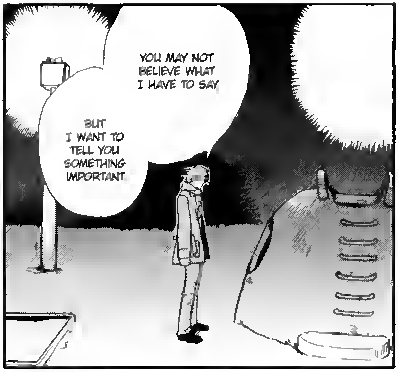
...
...And it is yet to be rectified
...but that's what's right?
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO LIVING WITH MY CUTE KID BROTHER, BUT HE WON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME!
Huh?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HE PROBABLY THINKS I USED TO BE SOMETHING TO SENSEI.
IF YOU ASK ME, IT'S BECAUSE HE HAS SOME MISPLACED ENVY
turn
IT'S QUITE A PAIN IN THE ASS
To put it mildly it has messed up my life

I left in just my school shoes
IT'S COLD
SCUFF
THE ONLY REFUGE I COULD THINK OF WAS HERE.
WHEN I WAS SMALL, I'D ESCAPE TO THIS PLACE.
IT'S LIKE STEPPING BACK INTO A MEMORY.
WAS IT ALWAYS NARROW LIKE THIS?

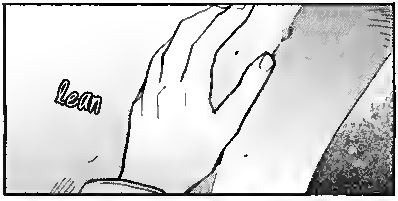
I'VE COME TO GET YOU
I KNEW YOU'D BE HERE!
WHENEVER AII-CHAN WAS ANGRY, OR THERE WAS SOMETHING I DIDN'T LIKE, I'D HIDE HERE WITHOUT FAIL
THE FIRST PERSON TO EVER FIND ME...
COME ON OUT
LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER!
WAS ASASHI-KUN

I CAN'T REACH
OUT FOR HIS
HAND ANYMORE
haa
WHAT DO
I DO NOW?

SCRAPE
FLINCH!
I KNEW YOU'D BE HERE
KEISUKE
thump


YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE WHAT I HAVE TO SAY.
BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

I WANT TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH...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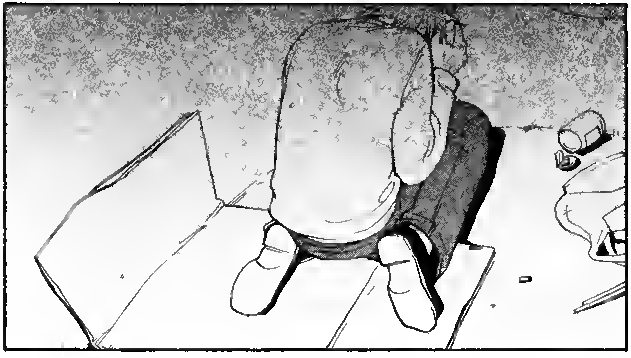

EARLIER
I like you, Hisashi-kun!!
I don't want to hear it!
DON'T TELL ME!
No!
I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU THIS
MUCH EARLIER
I'M SORRY

I like you, too
I THOUGHT I'D STOP WHILE YOU WERE SCARED OF ME
HOWEVER I COULDN'T AND THAT'S GOOD RIGHT?
IT'S GOOD THAT I LIKE KEISUKE RIGHT?

I THOUGHT... YOU WOULDN'T ANYMORE
SOB
I—
SOB
YEAH.
I'M SO HAPPY

IT'S MY MOTHER.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SHE SAYS THAT SHE'S STAYING AT YOUR HOUSE.
BUT THAT'S GOOD, ISN'T IT? WITH MY FATHER LEAVING NEXT WEEK, THEY PROBABLY WANT TO SPEND A LITTLE ONE TIME TOGETHER, DON'T YOU THINK?
It's because they're planning to leave together on account of work.
SHE WANTS TO TRADE WITH YOU UNTIL SHINOHARA-SAN TRANSFERS TO SHANGHAI.
Ah, fine! I get it. Do whatever you want!
SURE I'M FINE WITH JUST KEISUKE OUR FAMILY'S NOT FALLING APART
IT'S JUST UNRAVELING!
MY HOW SWEET LOVE IS
It's true together-ness!
YOU MAY HAVE A POINT...
So you aren't dinner!
I'm just new.
I'M PART OF THE FAMILY TOO YOU KNOW

IT WAS AWFULLY COLD OUT THERE, WASN'T IT?
YE-AH...
ARE YOU ALL WARMED UP?
YOU BROUGHT OUT... ANOTHER FUTON?
SO?
ah!
Wha-?
um...
ah...
We should sleep in the same futon?
Are you saying that

clench
IT'S JUST THAT IF WE DON'T DO ANYTHING TODAY WE'LL RETURN TO THE WAY THINGS WERE
KEISUKE YOU DO UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, RIGHT?
blush
I'm not forcing myself!!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF ARE YOU SURE?
I'm not even sure...
slooowly

I NOTICED THIS FEELING THREE YEARS AGO
BUT YOU WERE ONLY THIRTEEN YEARS OLD
SEE? I'LL BE OKAY
THUMP
THUMP
I DIDN'T THINK I WOULD EVER BE ABLE TO TELL YOU SO I TRIED TO SQUASH MY FEELINGS. BUT IT'S BEEN RATHER DIFFICULT
BUT ALWAYS
ALWAYS.

YEAH...
MAY I TOUCH YOU LIKE THIS?
stroke
HIGASHI-KUN...
AND HERE?
shiver
YEAH...

HIS HANDS...
HIS VOICE...
I LOVE YOU
THEY'RE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM HOW THEY USUALLY ARE
WILL YOU... TOUCH ALL OF ME?
hug

UWA!
IT'S A LITTLE
...SCARY
NERVOUS
UM FINGER IN...
UH-HUH
IS THAT OKAY?
BLUSH
IF I TELL HIM I'M SCARED, HE WILL END UP STOPPING...
DOES IT FEEL GOOD? HERE...
squelch
WHAT?
DO YOU WANT ME TO STOP?

SHIVER
LIAR...
IT'LL FEEL GOOD SOON.
AH!
HIGASHI-KUN!?
AH!
HI-
I FINALLY GET IT
MAY I PUT IT IN NOW?
haa
Wah!
THUMP
WHAT HIGASHI-KUN SAID

DEPRESSED
I'M SORRY
I got carried away!
PEOPLE CHANGE WHEN THEY'RE HAVING SEX
YOU COULD SAY THAT I FINALLY GOT TO KNOW HISASHI-KUN
Hehe ..so cute.
YEAH... WELL I ALSO LEARNED A BIT...
IT'S BECAUSE I FANTASIZED ABOUT IT FOR SO MANY YEARS...
DREAD
What!?
It was a little more than I thought.
BUT COULD WE WAIT A WHILE BEFORE DOING IT AGAIN?
IT'LL PROBABLY BE A LITTLE LONGER BEFORE I'M USED TO THIS, BUT WHO KNOWS
The END

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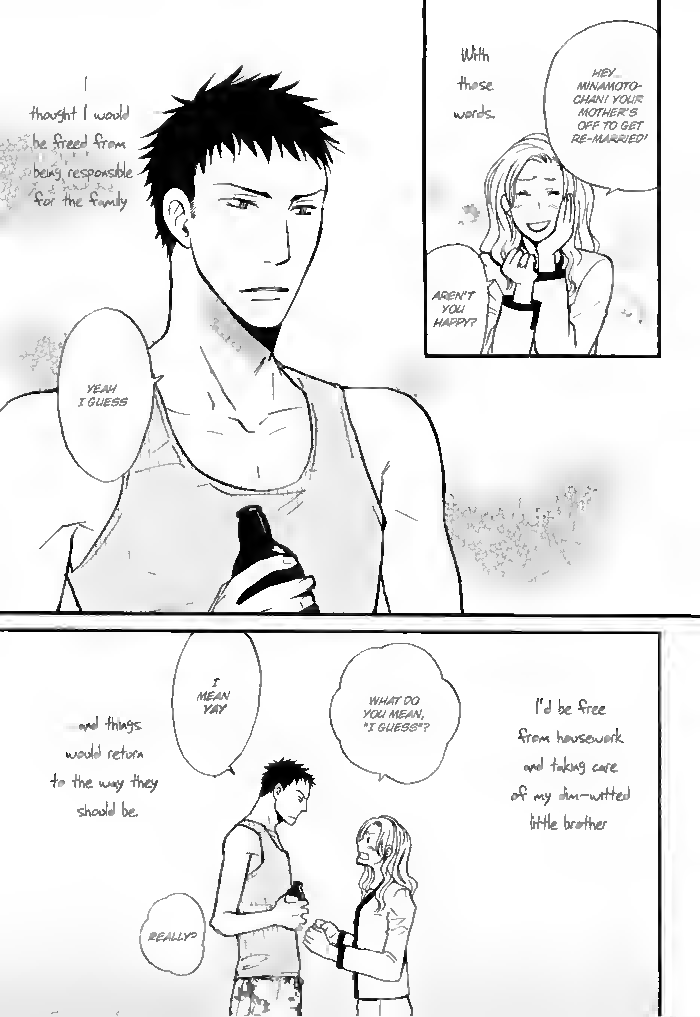

I thought I would be freed from being responsible for the family
YEAH I GUESS
With these words.
HEY MINAMOTO-CHAN! YOUR MOTHER'S OFF TO GET RE-MARRIED!
AREN'T YOU HAPPY?
I'd be free from housework and taking care of my dim-witted little brother
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "I GUESS"?
I MEAN YAY
...and things would return to the way they should be.
REALLY?

But to tell the truth, I'm not totally unhappy with the current situation
MINAMOTO-SAN
KICHI, YOU ASS HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU TO CUT THAT OUT?
WHAT'S FOR DINNER TONIGHT?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL ME "SAN."
SORRY!
WOW. THAT LOOKS DELICIOUS! IS IT KATSU-DON?

♡breaded, fried pork cutlet with egg over rice

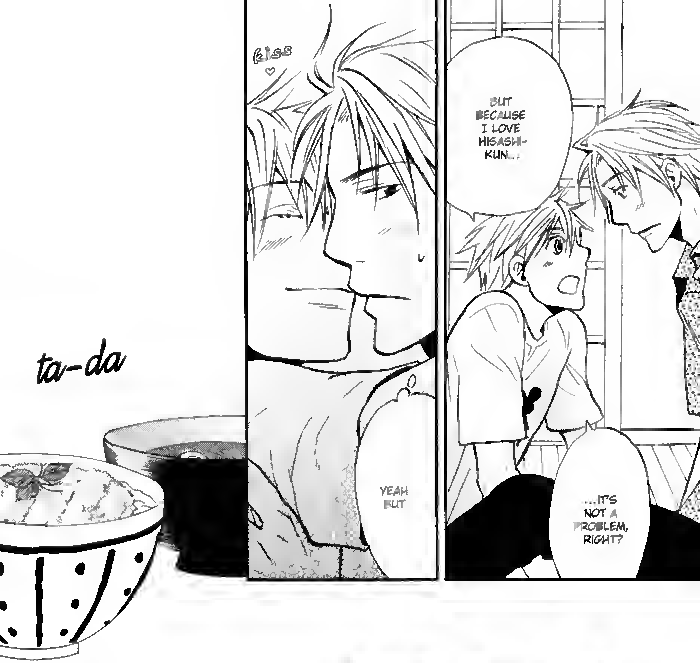
THIS IS CUTTING CORNERS!? I COULD GET USED TO BEING THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF SUCH A WELL-ROUNDED PERSON I'M SO HAPPY!
Don't praise me in such a weird way
Here. Have some
I CUT SOME CORNERS TODAY IT WAS TOO MUCH EFFORT TO MAKE IT FROM SCRATCH
I bought the pork pre-cooked. I only made the rice and the sauce.
Kiichi is my step-brother
YOU DON'T NEED TO BE EMBARRASSED
THIS IS THE REAL THING ISN'T IT?
RING
RING
THE ONE TIME I ATE A MEAL KIICHI MADE IT WAS CATASTROPHICALLY BAD-
SO, I GUESS IT WORKS OUT SINCE I CAN COOK
IN THE END, IT SEEMS I ENDED UP IN CHARGE OF THE COOKING.
After the marriage, my step-father's foreign transfer was settled and it was arranged that we would live together on our own.
For the most part, this wasn't a big deal.

YEAH, YEAH. I'M SPENDING THE NIGHT AT HIGASHI-KUN'S HOUSE TONIGHT.
You always call me at the same time to say the same thing...
Let me guess
Last week, wasn't you spend the night to...?
HEY, BRO? IT'S KEISUKE
I'M JUST BE A PAIN TO COME HOME NOW
CRACKLE
YEAH, AT HIGASHI KUN SAID IT WAS OKAY!
EEK!
Mimamoto-san What's taking you so long?

My only discontent stems from...
my kid brother being overly attached to my childhood friend, Hisashi
NOTHING.
WHAT HAPPENED?
STAND
UM. KEISUKE?

BRO ISN'T THE TYPE.
PLUS HE'S ALWAYS ANGRY!
Why?
IT WOULDN'T BE A BOTHER IF YOU WENT HOME NOW
WELL, THAT WAS A PRETTY HURTFUL THING TO SAY THAT IT WOULD BE A PAIN TO GO HOME
I UNDERSTAND.
BUT IT'S NOT THAT MINAMOTO IS ANGRY JUST TO BE ANGRY
ANYWAY, I'M ALSO HAVING A BAD DAY...
I even slept in my grades were bad.
SORRY I GOTTA GO BECAUSE I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF MY KID BROTHER.
HEY COME HANG OUT WITH ME TODAY
WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER HE WOULD ALWAYS SAY

YOU'RE WRONG. I'M BEING
BRING YOUR BROTHER ALONG TOO!
I SEE. SO YOU'RE A SUBSTITUTE MOM, AREN'T YOU?
A SUB-STITUTE DAD!
HE THINKS A LOT ABOUT YOUR NEEDS
HMM, I DIDN'T REALIZE
FOR INSTANCE, IF THE NATURE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP CAME OUT HE'D BE QUITE ANGRY
AH.
SQUEEZE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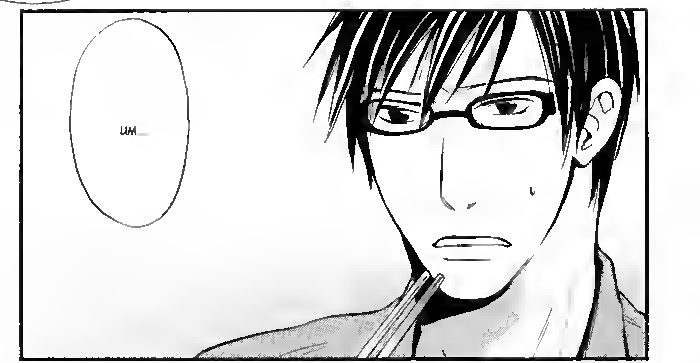
BUT BECAUSE I LOVE HISASHI-KUN...
...IT'S NOT A PROBLEM, RIGHT?
YEAH BUT
ta-da


UM...

sigh
IT'S NOTHING
I'M NOT WHAT YOU WANT, AM I?
fume
WHAT
IN THE WAY
fume
what's the matter!?

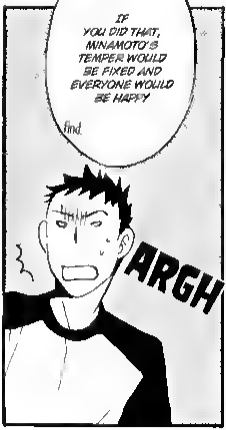
WHAT?
TO SOME EXTENT, I'M ALSO YOUR LITTLE BROTHER RIGHT?
JUST A SUGGES-TION
SINCE YOU CAN'T DOTE ON YOUR KID-BROTHER AS MUCH AS YOU WANT, WHY DON'T YOU TRY USING ME TO ALLEVIATE THE GLOOM?
SHOCK

YOU DIDN'T, BUT...
...IT WAS WISHFUL THINKING.
BAM
Are you an idiot? When did I ask for your advice about this?
I MEAN I WANT YOU TO LOVE ME
WISHFUL THINKING?
UM, WELL...
NOW, JUST WAIT A MINUTE...
My glasses!
Don't say such disgusting things!
THUD!

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE COMPLETELY ABANDONED?
I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY
IT'S JUST THAT WHEN KEISUKE-KUN ISN'T HERE YOU BECOME DAMN DISAGREEABLE
AWFUL
I KNOW HOW IT IS
IT'S BECAUSE I WANTED TO SOMEHOW LIVE IN PEACEFUL HARMONY WITH BOTH OF YOU
He's done it two times!
But it's not because he isn't here!
IT'S LONELY WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO COME HOME, ISN'T IT?
WHAT!?
It's because he said it would be a pain to come home!

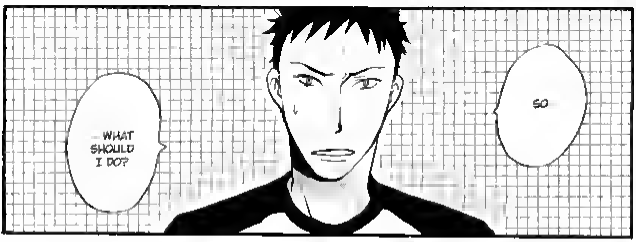
YOU SHOULD'VE SAID SOMETHING BUT WHY ARE YOU SMILLING YOUR GUTS TO ME ANYWAY? IT'S CREEPY...
IT'S JUST SOMETHING I'VE WANTED FOR A LONG TIME
SO YOU WON'T—?
I get it
SO THAT'S WHY YOU SAID "PLEASE LOVE ME"?
Are you joking!?
fwump
WELL ONLY HALF—

Is that why he goes to Hisashi's place?
SINCE I WAS NEVER REALLY EVER NICE TO KEISUKE
WHAT IF YOU TRIED BEING NICE TO HIM EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE?
Huh, huh?
I DON'T WANT THAT SORT OF THING
cough
SUCH WISHFUL THINKING IS SELFISH


IF YOU DID THAT, MINAMOTO'S TEMPER WOULD BE FIXED AND EVERYONE WOULD BE HAPPY
find.
ARGH

Wha-!?

IT'S NOT THAT HARD. OR IS IT JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT USED TO BEING NICE?
MAYBE IF YOU WERE NICER TO KEISUKE HE WOULD CHANGE HIS BEHAVIOR TOWARDS ME AS WELL


WHAT SHOULD I DO?
SO

FOR EXAMPLE

BRO. LOOK AT THIS!
70
MAYBE IF YOU STROKED HIS HEAD?
.....
I GOT A GOOD SCORE ON MY TEST!
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S ALL THANKS TO HISASHI-KUN
OH YOU DID WELL

TWITCH
glance
Uwa!
I'm SORRY, BRO!
YOU DID GOO-
FLINCH
Forgive me!
pat
jolt
!!
I WANT TO SHOW YOU ONE MORE THING
LATER.
LURCH
WHAT IS IT? I'M WAITING
I'M REALLY SORRY! I FORGOT!
AHA! WHAT DID YOU DO!?
WHAT IS IT WITH YOU!? I WAS BEING NICE!
Uh oh
sigh

I-I'm...sorry...here is the flyer.
HE TOOK OUT AN EXPIRED NOTICE FOR A PARENT/TEACHER MEETING
SO I ENDED UP HITTING HIM AGAIN
IT MADE ME MAD THAT HE WOULD BRING SOMETHING GOOD OUT FIRST IN ORDER TO CURRY FAVOR.
When making a mistake it's better to be more confident

THAT DIDN'T GO OVER TOO WELL. HUH?
SHUT UP.

I SAID LET'S GO HOME ALREADY!

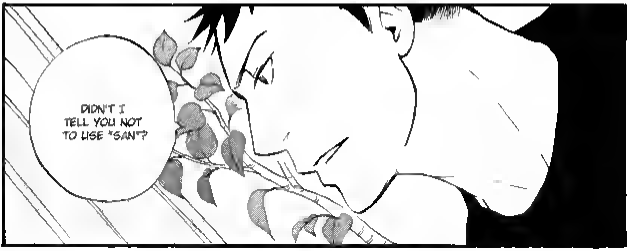
BYE BYE KEISUKE-KUN
NO! I WANNA STAY HERE!

Oh shit I remember now

I'M GOING TO BECOME PART OF HISASHI KUN'S FAMILY!
slip
AH!
HISASHI-KUN WOULD BE A GOOD BROTHER!
After that, I cried a lot by myself.
KIICHI
YES?

SIT DOWN
OKAY...
HUH?
bam

ruffle
ruffle
MINAMOTO-SAN!?
GE-


DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO USE "SAN"?

DID YOU FORGET THE THING THAT YOU YOURSELF SAID?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

DON'T COMPLAIN
IT HURTS!
IT HURTS!
IT HURTS! PLEASE DO IT MORE GENTLY!

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN A SUBSTITUTE FOR KEISUKE'S FATHER
Ican

I THOUGHT IT WAS GOOD.
THAT'S WHY I'VE ALWAYS BEEN STRICT.
I THOUGHT WITH A NEW DAD
MY ROLE WOULD RETURN TO BEING THAT OF A BROTHER
BUT FOR THAT GUY...
Things weren't what they should have been from the beginning.
...I'M JUST A LOUD-MOUTHED SIBLING.

To even speak about it

Just like that time before...

I feel like crying. Why?

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Episode 1 : Translators wanted

secrets within #nstaff

<kikiireru>lets whore it out, with a request message.
<kikiireru> @_@
<kikiireru>haka i need your witty humor, something to get translators to join us
<kikiireru> >.<
<hakanai-[work]> oooh. *ponders*
<hakanai-[work]> a haiku: a stable of bisb / for those Japanese fluent / nakama owns all okay kidding...
<hakanai-[work]> errr... the wit fails me today. o.o
* kikiireru kicks
<kikiireru>: for some reason ppl are scared of nakama
<hakanai-[work]> hehe. i suppose it's because you've been around forever. and take no shit.
<hakanai-[work]> but who wants shit anyway.
<hakanai-[work]> wanted: japanese translators who take no shit.
<hakanai-[work]> i wonder if that can be written in strange kanji that can have a totally different meaning.
<Artemis> hmmm... no shit? *thinks*

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Since childhood, Keisuke has had a strong attachment to his brother's childhood friend, Hisashi. One day, Keisuke visits Hisashi's home, where he suddenly receives an unexpected kiss! What's more, Hisashi tells him, "I've always loved you!" But is Keisuke the only one confused?

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TOO...
RIGHT.
MY HEAD HURTS... I DRANK TOO MUCH
Just before falling asleep...
...HN?
...I heard him say something to me.

好きのめばえ

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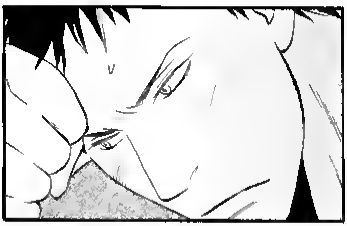
...後編



..is definitely because I started to enjoy it, just like Kichi said

HUH?

After the sake entered my system, I vented out all of my frustrations.

EVEN THOUGH ANYTHING WILL DO I'LL MAKE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR HIM

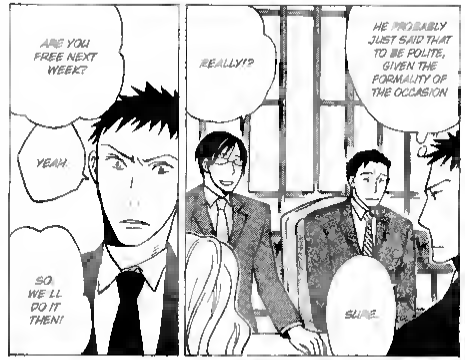
This indebtedness...

I THOUGHT SO TOO. BUT HISASHI SAID THAT IT WAS WRONG TO RUN AWAY FROM HOME YESTERDAY... AND THAT I SHOULD TRY AND PATCH THINGS UP
KEISUKE-KUN, I THOUGHT THAT YOU WERE GOING TO BE AT SENSEI'S PLACE ALL DAY
WHERE'S MY BRO?
HE'S GONE TO BUY BREAK-FAST
KUCHI-KUN, I'M HOME!
HE JUST WOKE UP NOT TOO LONG AGO
BREAK-FAST?
ISN'T IT ALREADY LUNCH TIME?
UM. WHAT SORT OF THINGS WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT TO GET HIM SO WORKED UP?
LAST NIGHT WE HAD A BIT OF A LIVELY CONVERSATION

WELL, EVEN THOUGH I TRY MY BEST, I ALWAYS END UP MAKING HIM MAD AT ME.
I have no confidence when it comes to this stuff.
I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT YOU THOUGHT OF THAT, KIICHI-KUN...
IF THERE'S SOME SORT OF TRICK TO TALKING TO MY BRO, I WANTED TO ASK WHAT IT IS.
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU KNEW?
I WON'T TELL YOU.
COME TO THINK OF IT, ARE THINGS COMING ALONG WELL WITH SENSEI?
smile
Hm?

uwa!
Why are you asking me so out of the sky!?
YOU MEAN "OUT OF THE BLUE" RIGHT?
YEAH
SO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT
With everything that happened, I completely forgot.
HUH!?
SO HOW DID YOU KNOW?
HUH? YOU DIDN'T HEAR FROM SENSEI?
Kiichi-kun likes...
...Hisashi-kun!?
IT WAS ONLY BRIEFLY, OKAY?
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY EVEN THEN SENSEI LIKED KEISUKE-KUN
WH-
AT!?
IT'S BECAUSE SENSEI WAS MY FIRST LOVE

Why is it always him?
So, the truth is that it's not me that Kiichi wants, but Hisashi.
KIICHI LIKES HISASHI?
WHAT IS THIS?
EVEN THOUGH HE SAYS THAT I'M STILL ANXIOUS' I NEED CONFIRMATION FROM HISASHI-KUN


ARE YOU FREE NEXT WEEK?
YEAH.
SO, WE'LL DO IT THEN!
REALLY!?
HE PROBABLY JUST SAID THAT TO BE POLITE, GIVEN THE FORMALITY OF THE OCCASION
SURE.

So that's how things are.

Since the first time we met, he's always been strange. He would follow me around
I THOUGHT IF I DIDN'T INVITE YOU RIGHT THEN AND THERE YOU WOULDN'T COME AT ALL.
MINAMOTO-SAN
KEISUKE'S EASIER TO CONTROL
WHY DID I
They're not being, are they?
munch munch
OH?
SINCE THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU I WANTED TO BECOME FRIENDS

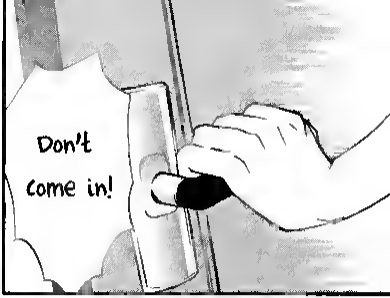
HUH?

YEAH THIS IS MY USUAL BREAK-FAST...
Ashimy Locale
IS THAT ALL YOU'RE EATING?
YOU SHOULDN'T EAT SO POORLY DO YOU WANT SOME BENTO?

My gloom was gone.
I was...
IF HE'S THAT HAPPY...
Here
ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY!?
FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE
...happy.

I...
HIM...
KNOCK KNOCK
YOU HAVEN'T LEFT YOUR ROOM SINCE THIS AFTERNOON
WHAT'S GOING ON?
MINAMOTO!
CAN I COME IN?

sigh


Don't come in!

SNAP
HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED THAT KEISUKE-KUN HAS GONE OVER TO SENSEI'S PLACE?

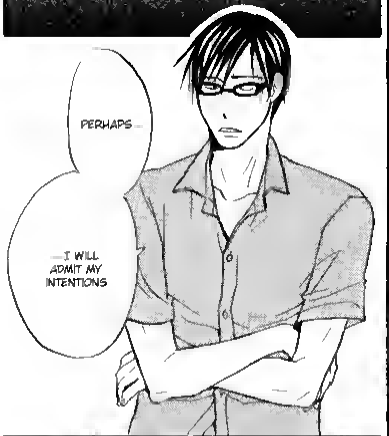
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO BE MISLEADING

No, I didn't! If you want to go over there too, then go!
I'M STAYING HERE!

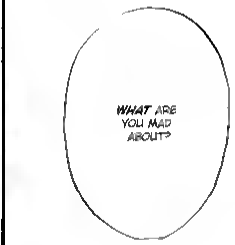
He's only trying to get Kosuke to grow more attached to me so that he'll separate from Hisashi

Then, he probably planned to go to Hisashi's place instead

If that was the case... If I had known this from the beginning


PERHAPS...
...I WILL ADMIT MY INTENTIONS

IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF YOU'VE ALREADY FOUND OUT.


WHAT ARE YOU MAD ABOUT?

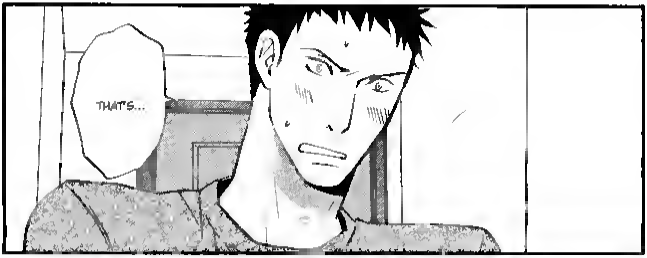
CRACK
HEY!
Don't come in, asshole!
AH!
catch
I THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE TO ATTACK MORE DIRECTLY
UNTIL YOU STARTED TO LIKE ME

I RESORTED TO ANY METHOD I COULD TO GET THE RESULT I WANTED.
ARE YOU ANGRY BECAUSE I TAPPED INTO YOUR WORRIES?
OR IS IT...
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU?

...HUH?
Kiichi loves me?
I LOVE YOU

SO-
S-SENSEI?
WHY ARE YOU GOING ON ABOUT SENSEI ALL OF A SUDDEN?
SO HISASHI ISN'T THE ONE YOU LIKE!?
IT MAY SEEM LIKE THAT BUT IT ISN'T AND EVEN IF IT WAS, WOULDN'T MY AIM BE WRONG?
BECAUSE EVEN IF KEISUKE'S EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT IS TROUBLESOME IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A CHEAP TRICK TO PLAY
You tried to make Keisuke more attached to me so that you would be welcomed by Hisashi!
I was just remorseful.
THAT WAS IN THE PAST IT'S DIFFERENT NOW.
Didn't you tell Keisuke that you love Hisashi!?

I THINK...
...IS MINAMOTO ANGRY BECAUSE HE THINKS THAT I LIKE SENSEI?


THAT'S...

Don't make that face!
Is that really the case?
HONESTLY
NO!
Sparkle

I COULDN'T BE A SUBSTITUTE LITTLE BROTHER FOR VERY LONG
-I like you-
YOU IDIOT
The truth is...

FROM THE START, YOU WEREN'T A SUBSTITUTE KID BROTHER, BUT...
. I've always wanted...
someone who needs me.

SO... LET GO OF MY HAND!

blush
FOR THE MOST PART I WOULDN'T SPILL MY GUTS TO MY KID BROTHER
Eek
HEY!

WHY ARE YOU PULLING THAT FACE?
glum..
I'D LIKE TO BE MORE THAN THAT.
WHY CAN'T I BECOME YOUR "LOVER"?

Hush
BUT THIS TIME, IT WAS WORTH IT TO DO MY BEST; SLOWLY AND DELIBERATELY.
What're you saying!? We're practically family!
Gyaa
FOR SO LONG, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY TIMES WHEN THE PERSON I LIKED DIDN'T LIKE ME BACK.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN ABLE TO SAY IT PROPERLY!
Hey! Stay away!
WOULD IT HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I HADN'T COME OUT TO YOU?
WELL AFTERWARDS
THAT IS TO SAY MY REASONING IS CLEAR, ISN'T IT?
STEP STEP STEP

ALL YOU NEED TO SAY IS—
THAT YOU LIKE ME
thump

AH!
CRASH!!
I don't have any reason to say it yet!!
The END

Good Luck, Minamoto-san!
HEY, KIGHI-KUN... RECENTLY BRO'S BEEN A BIT WEIRD.
HE HASN'T LEFT HIS ROOM IN QUITE A WHILE.
DO YOU THINK IT'S SOMETHING I DID?
NO...
BUT, I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING SINCE THEN...
HM...
WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
NO, NOTHING HMM... TO THAT EXTENT?
I'LL GO AND TRY TO ASK HIM THE REASON

scrape
scrape
scrape
jerk
Ah, it's the offspring
Ka-
I like them too
Kuchi, what did you come here to do?
WAH!
I said, Minamoto!
grab
CULT FIGHTER
PLEASE DON'T BE SO CAUTIOUS
CULT FIGHTER

I DON'T TOY WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE DUMPED ME.
DUMPED?
HUH?
THAT'S THE CAUSE OF THIS, ISN'T IT?
MY UNREQUITED LOVE?
MI-MINAMOTO!?
BAM!
How can you think something like that so easily!?
I never said anything like that!
YOU IDIOT!

WHILE YOU TALK ABOUT THINGS LIKE LOVE, YOU LEAVE THE FINAL RESULT TO CHANCE.
Because you don't know how people feel, either!
WA!?
I'm sorry for fooling you.
I WAS LYING JUST NOW.
ARE YOU ABLE TO SAY THAT YOU LIKE ME?
You say it's a lie!?
SMACK
Don't laugh!
Like I can answer a guy who lies!
SMACK
THE WAY YOU'RE ANGRY I EXPECTED THAT—
I DIDN'T MEAN THAT I'D GIVE UP SO EASILY

WHAT IF I TELL YOU THE TRUTH NOW...OKAY?
I SEE...
WELL, IT WAS A POOR PREMATURE APOLOGY
YOU'VE CHANGED THE QUESTION
I WANT TO HUG YOU KISS YOU TOUCH HERE AND THERE AND THEN SOME
THEN AGAIN YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN CONCERNED OVER THIS FOR ME...
ARE YOU READY TO ACCEPT ALL THAT?
TWITCH!!

slide
YOU DIDN'T GET STARTLED THIS TIME
I'M HAPPY
YOU'RE ANNOYING YOU DON'T EVEN ASK
BIT BY BIT... I'LL PROBABLY GET USED TO IT BUT...
YOUR MOUTH... OPEN IT PLEASE?
HEEHEE

HEY KIICHI-KUN,
I KNOW THAT MY BROTHER'S STILL STUCK IN HIS ROOM, BUT... WERE YOU ABLE TO ASK HIM ANYTHING?
WHAT WAS UP?
YEAH IT'S OKAY
IN THE FUTURE ALWAYS SAY "I LIKE YOU" EXACTLY LIKE THAT
I can't tell you.
hehehe
shock
Why di I meekly become the bottom?
HA-
This time he notices the junior supplanting the senior...
The END

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The Sprout of Love -Note-

by Yukimura

Quick translation note:
We found out in chap 5 that this poor soul called Minamoto-san is actually named Gen. but since we had already put out chapters 1-4 by then, we decided to leave it as it was. So, our apologies and we still think Gen/Mina is hot either way! ;)

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